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COCONINO REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

FTF-RC003-10-0085-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE COCONINO REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY RFGA?

The Coconino Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation to expand access to quality early child care and education settings by ensuring regulated centers and homes can afford to increase quality while simultaneously increasing and/or ensuring service to children who are living at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Successful implementation will result in an increase in the number of children that are able to receive comprehensive quality early care. This will be accomplished through an award of an Administrative Home to oversee the implementation of a Stipend and Grant Program to increase enrollment/capacity at centers and homes that provide quality early care and education throughout the Coconino Region.

The Administrative Home will provide two funding mechanisms to local early care and education providers:

- Grants for improvement to increase capacity in order to allow child care centers and homes to expand enrollment in regulated and quality settings for children at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- Provider Stipend to offset the higher costs of quality improvement to early care and education centers and homes

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$134,500 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be September 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 8, 2009	RFGA available on-line
April 14, 2009	Pre-Application Conference 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. United Way of Northern Arizona 1515 E. Cedar Ave Ste D-1 Flagstaff, AZ 86004
May 21, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 2:00 p.m.
September 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 8, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include FTF-RC003-10-0085-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.